

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q88016
Toru SANO
Appln. No.: 10/536,798 Group Art Unit: 1723
Confirmation No.: 4489 Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn
Filed: May 27, 2005
For: SEPARATION APPARATUS AND SEPARATION METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated September 26, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Examiner's Requirement Applicant elects Species I, (an electrode containing) and Species II (a fine channel) in which claim 1, claim 3₁, claim 4_{1,3}, claim 5_{1,3,4} and claim 6_{1,3,4,5} read on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic to both species. This Species election is without traverse.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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